

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13-19, and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Number 6,493,751 to Tate et al. (hereinafter Tate) in view of United States Patent Number 6,961,762 to Yeap et al. (hereinafter Yeap).

Applicants thank the Examiner for reviewing and commenting on the proposed amendment. As requested, Applicants have detailed the support for the amendment below.

Amendments to claims.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 22 with the limitation "...wherein other communication adapters remain disabled to reduce power consumption." Claim 1 as amended. See also claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 22 as amended. The amendment is fully supported by the specification, which discloses "...the user may want to disable all of the communication adapters 20 for power saving." Page 29, lines 16-18.

Response to rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13-19, and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tate in view of Yeap. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

As amended claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 22 include the limitation "...wherein other communication adapters remain disabled to reduce power consumption." See claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 22. In contrast, Yeap discloses that the system

sleeps for 3 seconds before checking link quality again. Yeap, col. 7, lines 41-43. However, Yeap does not disclose that the other communication adapters remain disabled to reduce power consumption. Although all communication adapters are disabled in Yeap, they do not remain disabled but are again enabled in order to try to establish another connection. Yeap, col. 7, lines 43-44. Tate also does not disclose disabling all of the plurality of communication adapters.

Because Tate and Yeap do not teach other communication adapters remaining disabled to reduce power consumption, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 22 are allowable. Applicants further submit that claims 5, 9, 13, 16, and 18 are allowable as depending from allowable claims.

Should additional information be required regarding the traversal of the rejections of the claims enumerated above, Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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